CLAIM SUMMARY DOCUMENT

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) An absorptive product that is elongate in a longitudinal direction and has a surface side configured for contact with a body, comprising:

a back sheet which has a shape elongated in one direction and prevents the permeation of liquid;

a liquid permeable surface material which is arranged on the surface side configured for contact with a body;

an absorbent which is arranged between the back sheet and the surface material and is capable of absorbing and holding a liquid which permeates the surface material**, the absorbent including a protrusion portion defined by a channel emboss portion;**

a resilient body which is fixed at least to the absorbent in a center region in a lateral direction of the product and imparts a contracting force to the absorbent with respect to the longitudinal direction; and

slits which are formed in the absorbent in a region on which the contracting force of the resilient body acts, wherein

the slits in the absorbent extend substantially co-extensively with and adjacent to the resilient body, and

a deformed portion is located in both the absorbent and the resilient body, the deformed portion being a substantially V-shaped portion of the absorbent and the resilient body as viewed in the longitudinal direction, and the resilient body is arranged such that the resilient body imparts the contracting force to the absorbent mainly along the longitudinal direction of the product, and wherein the resilient body is formed in a region only at a single end of the longitudinal direction of the absorptive product **such that the entire resilient body is spaced from the channel emboss portion.**

2. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 1, wherein the resilient body includes two laterally spaced sides, and the slits are respectively arranged adjacent each of the laterally spaced sides with respect to the resilient body.

3. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 2, wherein the slits have longitudinal end sides thereof parted away from the resilient body.

4. (Currently Amended) An absorptive product that is elongate in a longitudinal direction and has a surface side configured for contact with a body, comprising:

a back sheet which has a shape elongated in one direction and prevents the permeation of liquid;

a liquid permeable surface material which is arranged on the surface side configured for contact with a body;

an absorbent which is arranged between the back sheet and the surface material and is capable of absorbing and holding a liquid which permeates the surface material;

a resilient body which is fixed and directly adhered at least to the absorbent in a center region in a lateral direction of the product and imparts a contracting force to the absorbent with respect to the longitudinal direction; and

slits which are formed in the absorbent in a region on which the contracting force of the resilient body acts, the slits extending through the entire thickness of the absorbent, wherein

the slits are formed adjacent both sides of the resilient body such that a first slit is formed on a first side of the resilient body and a second slit is formed on an opposite side of the resilient body and the first slit has a center portion thereof in the longitudinal direction thereof arranged close to the second slit and other portions thereof gradually parted away from the second slit**, and wherein the resilient body is offset and spaced from a center of the absorptive product in the longitudinal direction**.

5. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 1, wherein the resilient body is formed of a film-like resilient body having a given width which imparts a contracting force mainly in the longitudinal direction.

6. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent is formed by stacking a first absorbent layer having high liquid diffusivity and a second absorbent layer having high liquid holding property, the resilient body is fixed to the second absorbent layer, and the slits are formed in the second absorbent layer.

7. (Original) An absorptive product according to claim 6, wherein a notched portion is formed in the first absorbent layer corresponding to a position where the resilient body is formed.

8. (Currently Amended) An absorptive product that is elongate in a longitudinal direction and has a surface side configured for contact with a body, comprising:

a back sheet which has a shape elongated in one direction and prevents the permeation of liquid;

a liquid permeable surface material which is arranged on the surface side configured for contact with a body;

an absorbent which is arranged between the back sheet and the surface material and is capable of absorbing and holding a liquid which permeates the surface material**, the absorbent including a protrusion portion defined by a channel emboss portion**;

a resilient body which is fixed at least to the absorbent in a center region in a lateral direction of the product and formed in a region only at a single end of the longitudinal direction of the absorptive product **such that the entire resilient body is spaced from the channel emboss portion**, the resilient body configured to impart a contracting force to the absorbent with respect to the longitudinal direction; and

slits which are formed in the absorbent in a region on which the contracting force of the resilient body acts, wherein

the slits in the absorbent extend substantially co-extensively with and adjacent to the resilient body, and

a deformed portion is located in both the absorbent and the resilient body, the deformed portion being a substantially V-shaped portion of the absorbent and the resilient body as viewed in the longitudinal direction.

9. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 8, wherein the resilient body is arranged such that the resilient body imparts the contracting force to the absorbent mainly along the longitudinal direction of the product, the resilient body including two laterally spaced sides, and the slits are respectively arranged adjacent each of the laterally spaced sides with respect to the resilient body.

10. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 9, wherein the slits have longitudinal end sides thereof parted away from the resilient body.

11. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 9, wherein a first slit is formed on a first side of the resilient body and a second slit is formed on an opposite side of the resilient body and the first slit has a center portion thereof in the longitudinal direction thereof arranged close to the second slit and other portions thereof gradually parted away from the second slit, the first slit and second slit extending through an entire thickness of the absorbent.

12. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 8, wherein the resilient body is formed of a film-like resilient body having a given width which imparts a contracting force mainly in the longitudinal direction.

13. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 8, wherein the absorbent is formed by stacking a first absorbent layer having high liquid diffusivity and a second absorbent layer having higher liquid holding property as compared to a liquid holding property of the first absorbent layer, the resilient body is fixed to the second absorbent layer, and the slits are formed in the second absorbent layer.

14. (Previously Presented) An absorptive product according to claim 13, wherein a notched portion is formed in the first absorbent layer corresponding to a position where the resilient body is formed.

15. (Previously Presented) The absorptive product according to claim 1, wherein the slits include a plurality of slits located on a first side of a longitudinal axis of the resilient body and a plurality of slits located on a second side of the longitudinal axis of the resilient body, the second side of the longitudinal axis being opposed to the first side of the longitudinal axis.

16. (Previously Presented) The absorptive product according to claim 4, wherein the slits include a plurality of slits located on a first side of a longitudinal axis of the resilient body and a plurality of slits located on a second side of the longitudinal axis of the resilient body, the second side of the longitudinal axis being opposed to the first side of the longitudinal axis.

17. (Previously Presented) The absorptive product according to claim 8, wherein the slits include a plurality of slits located on a first side of a longitudinal axis of the resilient body and a plurality of slits located on a second side of the longitudinal axis of the resilient body, the second side of the longitudinal axis being opposed to the first side of the longitudinal axis.

18. (Previously Presented) The absorptive product according to claim 1, wherein an opposing end of the absorptive product is opposed to the one end and is entirely constructed of a material that is less resilient than the resilient body of the one end.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The absorptive product according to claim 4, wherein the resilient body is directly adhered to the absorbent via a laminated portion.